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The reply brief filed 8/6/04 has been noted. As no new claim amendments have been filed placing Applicant's claims in allowable condition, it is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals for action on the merits.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION

The reply brief filed 8/6/04 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey A. Shapiro whose telephone number is (703)308-3423. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

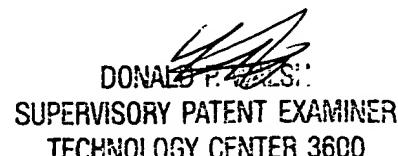
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald P. Walsh can be reached on (703)306-4173. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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